(c) whether there is any plan for setting up of telephone exchanges at Durgaria, Gadhakalan, Mazeedgarh Aravati and Mingaraklam in Bhopal district; if so, the details thereof; and

(d) whether any written complaint has been received by the Government about closure of telephone exchange?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD):(a) There were 131 telephone exchanges set up in Bhopal district by 31-12-2003.

(b) Yes, Sir. The said telephone exchanges were working at these villages by 31-12-2003. These exchanges were maintained by the group exchange staff during the said period as there were no individual staff posted for these exchanges.

(c) There is no plan for setting up of telephone exchanges at these places.

(d) No such complaint has been received.

Telephone facilities in the villages of U.P.

†726. PROF. M.M. AGARWAL: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) the district-wise number of villages in the State of Uttar Pradesh provided with telephone facilities as on date:

(b) the number of villages in the State where such facility could not be made available, so far; and

(c) the details of necessary steps to be taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD): (a) and (b) 97,252 villages in the State of Uttar Pradesh have been provided with Villages Public Telephone (VPT) facility and 1,178 villages are without telephone facility. State-wise details are given in the enclosed Statement (*See* below).

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(c) 1,178 villages in the State of Uttar Pradesh could not be provided with telephone facility as these villages are having no population, or population less than hundred or having disputes relating to custodianship etc.

Statement

Number of villages covered and uncovered in Uttar Pradesh

Sl. No.	Name of the District	No. of villages with telephone facility	No. of villages with no population or less than 100 population or disputed
1.	Agra	939	—
2.	Aligarh	972	—
3.	Hathras	738	—
4.	Barielly	1,776	—
5.	Badaun	1,751	311
6.	Bijnore	2,301	—
7.	Bulandshahr	1,134	—
8.	Etah	1,463	—
9.	Ghaziabad	577	56
10.	Meerut	593	73
11.	Baghpat	287	—
12.	Mathura	874	110
13.	Moradabad	1,516	—
14.	Muzaffar Nagar	898	—
15.	Noida, G.B. Nagar	374	—
16.	Pilibhit	1,334	—
17.	Rampur	1,123	27
18.	Saharanpur	1,270	342
19.	J.P. Nagar	1,075	156
20.	Firozabad	253	—
21.	Allahabad	3,511	3
22.	Azamgarh	3,713	—
23.	Baharaiech	1,833	—
24.	Ballia	1,710	9

Sl. No.	Name of the District	No. of villages with telephone facility	No. of villages with no population or less than 100 population or disputed
25.	Banda	1,204	—
26.	Barabanki	2,063	—
27.	Basti	7,062	—
28.	Deoria	3,153	28
29.	Etawah	1,493	—
30.	Faizabad	2,648	—
31.	Farukhabad	1,566	—
32.	Fatehpur	1,370	—
33.	Gazipur	2,605	—
34.	Gonda	2,812	—
35.	Gorakhpur	3,933	6
36.	Hamirpur	1,094	—
37.	Hardoi	1,858	—
38.	Jaunpur	3,266	2
39.	Jhansi	1,449	—
40.	Kanpur	1,891	—
41.	Lakhimpur	1,720	—
42.	Lucknow	743	—
43.	Mainpuri	1,368	—
44.	Mau	1,651	—
45.	Mirzapur	3,133	—
46.	Orai	957	—
47.	Pratapgarh	2,162	29
48.	Raibareli	1,719	—
49.	Shahjahanpur	2,181	—
50.	Sitapur	2,260	25
51.	Sultanpur	2,494	1
52.	Unnao	1,672	—
53.	Varanasi	3,710	—
	TOTAL:	97,252	1,178